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GROCERY TRUST IN TROUBLE.

At last the cry of the housewife has been heard. The government has come to her relief and has taken steps to see that the prices of groceries shall be lowered.

There has been much talk about the higher cost of living, and no one has appreciated it more than the women who have noticed the lightening of their pocketbooks and of their market baskets at the same time.

It is all very well for the men that the government should pursue the Tobacco Trust, the Standard Oil, the Plate Glass, the Plumbers, and all the other trusts but these things interest the women but little, when they see the prices of practically everything they want on their breakfast and dinner tables steadily climbing higher and getting out of reach.

So now the Southern Grocery Trust has been brought to account and its officers are to be forced to explain the reason for the high prices which it is alleged their combination has maintained. It is believed that the effect of the action will be felt by other sections and will result in restricting the activity of other similar organizations.

Besides appealing to the court to dissolve the Association itself and declare it illegal, the government asks that every one of its 500 members or more be forever prohibited from entering into any agreement among themselves as to the prices at which they should sell the necessities of life. The officers of the Association who are to be brought into court at Birmingham, Alabama, are:

President, Jos. H. McLaurin, of Florida; Vice President L. M. Hooper, of Alabama; Second Vice President F. E. Hargrave, of North Carolina; Treasurer C. W. Bartleson, of Florida; and Secretary Robert Moore, of Alabama, together with nine others constituting the advisory board. Officers of two big grocery concerns in Birmingham are also to be hauled to the bar.

They are alleged to be wholesale grocers dealing in interstate commerce in sugar, flour, cakes and crackers, soap and washing powders, cereals, soda and baking powders, salt, milk products, canned goods, syrups and other necessities of life. They are charged with being engaged in a conspiracy to maintain prices. It is alleged that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been distributed to members of the Association by its officers as a reward for maintaining prices and other sums have been assessed as fines and penalties for underselling the price list.

The Association is a close corporation and no outsider could get in without the consent of the other members.

BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

The condition of the National Treasury at the end of this month, which is also the end of the fiscal year, will be very much better than was estimated by Secretary Mac Veagh in his annual report to Congress last December. Not only have the receipts been heavier than he expected but the economies of the administration have resulted in considerably reduced disbursements.

Instead of a deficit of \$34,000,000 predicted by the Secretary, in the ordinary receipts and disbursements there will be, in all probability, a surplus of five or six millions. If the extraordinary expenses of the Panama Canal and redemption of the public debt are taken into account the deficit for the year will be only \$28,000,000 instead of \$75,000,000 as estimated by the Secretary.

Basing his calculations on the figures already in hand, one of the most experienced of the Treasury officials predicted that the receipts of the government for the year would reach a total of \$666,000,000 which is \$18,000,000 more than was expected by the Secretary. This includes \$336,000,000 from customs; \$266,000,000 from internal revenue; \$15,000,000 from the corporation tax; and \$50,000,000 from miscellaneous sources. Secretary Mac Veagh estimated last December that the new tariff would yield \$335,000,000 in revenue.

HAND BAGS

One lot of grain leather Hand Bags, all new this Spring. Sold at \$1 each, at this sale go at 50c

25c Neckwear 15c

50c Neckwear 25c

25c Hair Barrettes 10c

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HAND BAGS

Choice assortment of leather Hand Bags, all new, received this month. \$1.50 value, this sale 95c

Closing out misses and children's gauze Vests, in quality sizes, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Sold at 15 to 25c each. Choice this sale 2 for 15c

CLEARING AND MIDSUMMER SALE

Tailored Suits, Silk Dresses, Coats, Skirts, Waists, Wash Suits and Dresses

Every woman in Fairmont knows Courtneys' policy to sell before the season is over every article in order not to carry over from one season to another anything in our stock. This week will witness a bargain feast in our store as we have never had before. Remember, the extremely low prices quoted do not mean that we offer cheap and shoddy merchandise, but every article is up to the Courtney standard of value. Limited space does not permit us to mention every item owing to the numerous small lots there are.

"BUSINESS GETTING" VALUES EVERY DAY DURING OUR JUNE CLEARING SALE.

The ordinary disbursements will amount to \$660,000,000 instead of \$682,000,000 as estimated by the Secretary. The items which have agreeably disappointed him are the expense for the civil list and for the army and navy. The postal deficiency for which he estimated \$16,880,000 will be only \$9,495,000.

Great preparations are being made by the local saloon men for their "opening" on July 1. We have been wondering if they might not go to unjustifiable expense when the probabilities are so strong a statutory prohibitive law will be passed by the next legislature. The liquor business is not on a very sure foundation in West Virginia. At least it looks that way to a man on the water wagon.

The summer term at the Fairmont State Normal School is almost as large as the fall term of a few years ago when we consider that tuition is charged in the summer and it is not a very pleasant time to be at school. We can have a better appreciation of what the big summer term means.

The carpenters are busy; the stone-masons, brick layers and painters are busy; the merchants have all they can do; in fact everything is hustling in Fairmont.

The nice warm days have become too plentiful to be called "rare" any more.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

A WESTERN JOLLIFICATION.

PHOENIX, Ariz.,
June 20, 1910.Fairmont West Virginian,
Mr. Editor:

I have just witnessed a real western jollification that I would like to describe but feel at a great loss for words that would give you an idea how we do such things out there. At about one o'clock Saturday a telegram was received here that the bill pending in Congress had passed admitting Arizona to Statehood. A programme was immediately gotten up for a ratification meeting and word was sent out in every way possible for the citizens to meet at the four points of the compass near the city. Four bands were selected for the several places that were to lead the march in the city hall plaza. Promptly at eight o'clock the fire bell rang as a signal to march and such a crowd could not be mustered together anywhere else in the United States. There were automobiles of all makes and descriptions decorated—well I should say—and loaded to a finish and buggies and wagons galore and walking, well, it was somewhat crowded with all nationalities and last but not least was our own Indians. At different places along the march way wagons were stationed loaded with fire works and flags that were given out indiscriminately and soon the very elements were illuminated with red fire and sky rockets and with boom of fire crackers, the honk of the autos and toot of horns the procession moved on towards the plaza where would-be office holders had met to tell the people how it has been done, and how it must be done.

I want to say right here that the citizens here will do so they please or will not do at all. Our good Republican brothers need not be afraid of Arizona's two Senators because they are likely to be Democrats. I believe they will be elected by the people and they might not be Democrats at all. Yes, Arizonians are proud that they have been recognized as being able to attend to their own business and now Mr. Editor, don't say too much until you read her Constitution and see how she disposes of the liquor question.

and then have your Governor send a nice message to the next meeting of the legislature and have them let you vote on an amendment to the constitution of West Virginia and fix it likewise and stop all your foolish voting every year on a question that can be settled once for all time. (Lead Kindly Light.)

What do you think of a temperature of 114 degrees? Well, that is what we had on May 30. It is some warm but that makes Phoenix famous and then when it drops to 100 degrees we think it is nice and cool. Apricots and sugar beets, canteloupes and water melons, well we have them all just now, thank you.

Good night and sweet dreams to all.
GEO. W. HOLT.HUGHES WINS
IN THE FIFTHBUT ABE LILLY SHOWED GREATER
STRENGTH THAN WAS
LOOKED FOR

WELCH, W. Va., June 25.—After an almost continuous session of twenty-six hours the fifth district Republican congressional convention at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon nominated James A. Hughes for the sixth term in Congress. The contest between the incumbent congressman and his opponent, A. A. Lilly, of Raleigh county, ended in a spirited fight from the start because of the close contest. The closing hours, its attendance of 200 anxious delegates and visitors awake through a sweltering night. After a report on the contested counties which gave Hughes 216 and Lilly 101 votes, the nomination of Mr. Hughes was declared by a repetition of his vote and by Lilly's own motion was made unanimous.

In conceding his defeat, Lilly, whose campaign has surprised and almost startled the old time politicians, called upon his loyal followers to support Hughes in the coming election, but to remember that he himself would again be a candidate in 1912.

The question of standpatism and insurgency was squarely put. The resolutions committee reported endorsing Taft, Hughes and the national and state administrations, but ignoring a state primary law. This was the issue upon which Lilly made his campaign. This brought on a heated debate, which resulted in the resolutions committee being recommittees. But they again reported the resolution in its original form. Upon reconsideration, however, by Congressmen Hughes, an amendment was offered and pledged the convention to a state primary law. McDowell, Mingo, C. Shell and Wyoming counties voted against this amendment, but it carried and became part of the district platform.

The majority report of the resolutions committee endorsed Roosevelt.

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Infanticide

FATHER KILLS CHILD IN BRUTAL
CRIME REPORTED FROM
BELFAST MILLS.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 25.—Meagre particulars have been received from Belfast Mills, of one of the most revolting crimes ever committed in this part of the country. In 1909 a 3 days old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Vinzell, was found dead under circumstances leading to the conclusion that it was killed by its father.

Mr. U. A. Clayton returned last night from a business trip to Pittsburgh.

WRIGHT SUED FOR \$12,000.

John D. Wright, of West Alexander Pa., who was arrested here yesterday on charge of obtaining \$6,191 from A. P. Haight, of Fairview by false pretense, was permitted to put up a four thousand dollar certificate check for his bond and was released from his commitment. Following this a civil suit was instituted against Mr. Wright in which he was asked for the amount of \$12,000.

LIGHTNING

Strikes Upshur County Farmer and
Kills Him Instantly.

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., June 25.—Lyman Cutright, aged 35, a prominent farmer and Republican politician of Upshur county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed yesterday afternoon. He was working in his potato field and took refuge under a tree during the storm. He was unmarried.

Mr. Cutright was a brother of Prof. Cutright who is assisting in the summer term at the Normal School. He left for Upshur county on receipt of the news of his brother's death.

SCOTT TO EUROPE.

Junior Senator Will Go Abroad With
His Wife Who is in Poor
Health.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—Senator Scott and Mrs. Scott will leave tonight for a visit of two months in Europe. They will spend part of the time in Poland, and then go to Switzerland. They go on account of Mrs. Scott's health, upon the advice of her physician.

Senator Scott will leave his senatorial candidacy in the hands of his friends, during his sojourn abroad, but expects to get back in time to take an active part in the campaign in West Virginia.

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